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FYI - Here are the answers I sent.

----- Forwarded by Judy Smith/R10/USEPA/US on 09/27/11 03:56 PM -----

**From:** Judy Smith/R10/USEPA/US  
**To:** "Oxford, Mariah" <moxford@bristol-companies.com>  
**Date:** 09/27/11 03:56 PM  
**Subject:** Answers to your questions - Re: conceptual diagrams

Hi Maria - I put the answers to your questions in bold.

1. Do you anticipate that conceptual diagrams will be a component of the draft assessment?

Yes.

2. Were both Frithsen and Suter presenting? (The posted presentation references them both as authors, but I don't want to write that they were both presenting if only one of them was there).

Yes, they were both there. Dr. Suter presented the slides and Dr. Frithsen led follow-up discussion. They both talked with small groups of meeting attendees about conceptual diagram scenarios during a small group breakout session on the second day. They both appreciated the opportunity to exchange ideas with our tribal, state and federal partners.

3. One of the points made in their presentation was that the conceptual diagrams "are meant to help stimulate discussion, encourage a common understanding, and generate agreement concerning the structure of the system and importance of causal pathways." Does this extend to the public at large as well as members of the IGTT? For example, if readers have questions or comments about the posted diagrams, can they address them to EPA? (I am directing them to the CADDIS web site if they want to really get deep into how these tools work and read case studies, but if there are specifics related to what you have posted, can their questions be entertained during this non-public-comment period?).

We posted the conceptual diagram presentation and other meeting materials to the EPA website because we want the watershed assessment process to be open and transparent. Public input on the conceptual diagrams and other suggestions, comments and questions can be sent at any time to [r10BristolBay@epa.gov](mailto:r10BristolBay@epa.gov) and it will be routed to the project team.

Thanks, Judy

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From: "Oxford, Mariah" <moxford@bristol-companies.com>  
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Subject: conceptual diagrams

Hi Judy,

I'm following up on my email from last week, when I told you we were planning on highlighting some of the Intergovernmental Team Meeting documents to help readers get more information.

Right now I'm working on a post that introduces the conceptual diagram tool, offers definitions and an example from one of the draft diagrams EPA has posted and explains that these are works in progress, but are ultimately ways to frame the assessment.

It is my hope that by understanding the concept of this tool, readers will be better prepared to read and comment on the draft assessment next spring.

I have a few questions that I hope you can answer as I finish up my post:

1. Do you anticipate that conceptual diagrams will be a component of the draft assessment?
2. Were both Frithsen and Suter presenting? (The posted presentation references them both as authors, but I don't want to write that they were both presenting if only one of them was there).
3. One of the points made in their presentation was that the conceptual diagrams "are meant to help stimulate discussion, encourage a common understanding, and generate agreement concerning the structure of the system and importance of causal pathways." Does this extend to the public at large as well as members of the IGTT? For example, if readers have questions or comments about the posted diagrams, can they address them to EPA? (I am directing them to the CADDIS web site if they want to really get deep into how these tools work and read case studies, but if there are specifics related to what you have posted, can their questions be entertained during this non-public-comment period?).

Thank you Judy!

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Hi Maria - You are correct. The schedule was revised some time ago as we learned more about what would be involved to complete the assessment. The anticipated schedule is to release a draft watershed assessment for public, tribal and stakeholder review in the spring of 2012 and release the final report in the summer of 2012 after incorporating public input and completing a scientific peer review.

I updated our Frequently Asked Questions regarding the schedule and I will check our website this week to make sure that earlier

documents with the abbreviated schedule are updated.

Thanks,

Judy

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Subject: Draft watershed assessment timeline

Hi Judy,

I talked with you earlier in the summer about the watershed assessment; our team has been posting information to [www.pebblewatch.com](http://www.pebblewatch.com) to keep shareholders and other interested parties up-to-date on developments with the assessment and Pebble mine.

In doing a regular news roundup, I noticed that in the following article and others, it states that a draft watershed assessment is expected to be done this fall: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/industries/wash-senator-intends-to-oppose-proposed-pebble-mine-if-it-would-harm-fish-asks-epa-to-block/2011/09/12/gIQAoNoNK\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/industries/wash-senator-intends-to-oppose-proposed-pebble-mine-if-it-would-harm-fish-asks-epa-to-block/2011/09/12/gIQAoNoNK_story.html)

Is that accurate? We were thinking (and presenting info to shareholders) that it would be released for public review and comment in April 2012.

Just wanted to follow up in case the timeline has changed. Please let us know. Thanks!

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